

SPARE TIRE INFORMATION



Many new vehicles are no longer being equipped with a full size spare tire, but instead a hybrid of the full sized tire and the “donut” temporary spare tire which is being referred to as the convenience spare tire. The Convenience Spare is a Temporary/Compact Spare tire developed for Original Equipment applications that allow vehicle manufacturers to increase available trunk space and reduce overall vehicle weight compared to using full-size spare tires and wheels. Like all Temporary/Compact Spare tires, the Convenience Spare tire is designed for temporary use only. It features a smaller physical size, narrower tread, shallower tread depth and lighter-weight construction than the tires with which the vehicle is normally equipped.

The smaller physical size requires Convenience Spare tires be maintained with 60 psi cold tire inflation pressures and driving speeds restricted to 50 mph.

These tires DO NOT meet the minimum requirements for obtaining an Oversand Permit at Cape Cod National Seashore. Oversand Permits WILL NOT be issued to vehicles that have the convenience spare as their only spare tire. Spare tires must meet or exceed the regular tire standards outlined in the Oversand Brochure and at <https://www.nps.gov/caco/cape-cod-national-seashore-oversand-beach-driving.htm>